# **CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL - PROGRAM FOR NEW AMERICANS**



**Arrive in Washington** Meet your Close Up concierge and explore the city with your school

**Welcome Dinner** 

# **Program Orientation & Community Building**

Meet Close Up staff and review your purpose and goals for the week

#### **Opening Workshop\***

What are the **biggest issues** we face in our democracy today?

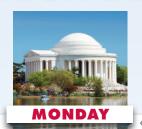
**Social Time** 

#### Sample schedule subject to change.

- \*Workshops are small learning communities made up of students from various states. Each workshop community is led by the same Close Up program instructor for the duration
- \*\* Study visits led by highly trained instructors provide unique opportunities to learn using historic sites and institutions as living classrooms.

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**Federal Government Structure Workshop** Gain an understanding of the foundations of U.S. government

# **Thomas Jefferson & George Mason Memorials**

Learn about the people behind the **Declaration of** Independence and the Bill of Rights

## **National Museum of Natural History and Lunch**

Discover hands-on exhibits that capture the beauty and diversity of the natural world

#### **National Archives Study** Visit\*\*

**Explore American history** through our nation's most significant documents:

**Declaration of** Independence

Constitution

**Bill of Rights** 

## **Citizen Action Workshop**

What citizen actions are necessary to foster and maintain a vibrant democracy?

#### **National Portrait Gallery**

Learn about **people who have** shaped our society, from government to sports, art, and culture

**Dinner & Social Activity** 



Bill of Rights Workshop What rights have citizens gained in our nearly 250-year history?

#### **Immigration Policy Seminar**

Go behind the scenes with a policy expert to discuss the issues driving the immigration debate

**Capitol Hill Group Photo** 

Lunch in L'Enfant Plaza

## **Martin Luther** King Jr. Memorial

How did MLK influence the value of justice during the Civil Rights Movement?

#### Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial

Should government take an active role in providing for people's basic needs?

## **U.S. Marine Corps Memorial**

Visit the larger-than-life representation honoring brave servicemen

#### Air Force Memorial

Honor those who have served in the Air Force and get a breathtaking view of the city

**Dinner in Pentagon City** 

Mock Congress Workshop Debate, amend, and vote

on the same issues elected representatives are currently considering



**Capitol Hill Day** 

Walk the halls of Congress and get an exclusive, insider's look at how our government operates

Meet with your members of Congress or their staff

Attend congressional committee hearings to see how laws are formed

Explore the Capitol Visitor **Center and Museum** 

**Lunch at Longworth** Cafeteria, a hot spot for Washington insiders

Visit the Supreme Court, where landmark cases are decided

View the symbolic art and architecture at the Library of Congress, the largest library in the world

Witness the Senate and **House of Representatives** in action in the galleries

## White House Study Visit and **Photo Op**

Dinner at Hotel

## **Election Workshop**

Discuss the role of the executive branch and elect a president for your program

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**Community Action Workshop** What actions can citizens take

# **Election Reflection Activity**

to make change?

Discuss the results of the mock election and reflect on the motivations of real-world voters

#### **College Admission Session**

Get answers to your questions about the opportunities of higher education

Lunch at National Museum of American History

#### **War Memorials Study Visit**

What do the WWII, Vietnam Veterans, and Korean War Veterans Memorials say about those who have served and sacrificed?

#### Lincoln Memorial

How does imagery of this memorial portray Lincoln's legacy?

#### **Banquet and Dance**

Have a memorable, fun-filled evening with your new friends before returning home



Sightsee in Washington Prior to your departure, spend some more time in the city with your school

**Depart for Home** 

Close Up gave me the opportunity to visit famous historical sites and I was able to discuss major political and social issues with my workshop and learn from different perspectives. I am very grateful for this opportunity!

- Lesley, Student, **Arizona** 













